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REFUTE WILCOX'S SLURS

ROTTEN FOOD STORY IS ITS OWN ANTIDOTE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONSIDERS THE WISDOM OF REFUTING THE ASPERSIONS CAST ON THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The statements of Delegate Wilcox before the Senatorial Commission charging the Board of Health with sending shopworn goods and rotten salmon to the lepers at the settlement, together with the repetition of these charges more in detail brought out by Ex-Judge Humphreys' cross examination of the delegate, were considered by the Chamber of Commerce this morning at its monthly meeting. A resolution was adopted branding the statements as falsehoods and libels both on the Board of Health and the merchants of Honolulu, and expressing the confidence of the Chamber of Commerce in President Sloggett of the Board of Health and in the membership and administration of the Board.

The matter was brought up by H. A. Isenberg. He called attention to the statements, and moved that the Chamber of Commerce express its entire confidence in President Sloggett of the Board of Health, and in his administration of the leper settlement, and expressing the hope that he would long retain his position as a member and president of the Board.

Mr. Isenberg spoke quite strongly of how keenly Dr. Sloggett felt these false statements reflecting. If they were true so strongly both on him as a man and on his administration as an official. He felt that the Chamber of Commerce ought to put itself on record as refuting these statements and supporting President Sloggett.

J. A. McCandless said that these statements were not only a reflection on the Board of Health and its president but on the merchants of Honolulu who supply the goods furnished by the board. He therefore moved as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Isenberg the following:

"That a committee of three be appointed to refute the charges made before the Senatorial Commission against the Board of Health and the Merchants of Honolulu."

It was suggested that this did not express the confidence of the Chamber of Commerce in President Sloggett. Mr. McCandless said an expression of confidence might be added. W. M. Giffard seconded Mr. McCandless motion to get it before the Chamber for debate. In the course of the debate on this subject C. M. Cooke stated that immediately following the statements of Delegate Wilcox on this subject before the commission a letter in refutation had been prepared and presented to W. G. Irwin, president of the Chamber of Commerce for his signature as president to be filed with the commission. This letter set out that all supplies for the settlement were furnished to the board on tenders advertised for, and other matters going to make it clear that the charges could not be true. Mr. Irwin however doubted his right to sign it as president of the chamber, the matter never having come before the Chamber and no action by it ever having been taken. F. W. Macfarlane, president of the Merchants' Association was then asked to sign it and present it as the president of that organization but he took the same view of it as Mr. Irwin had. For these reasons and the fact that the Commission concluded its hearings before meetings of the Chamber of Commerce or the Merchants' Association could be called, no refutation of the charges complained of had ever been presented to the commission.

Secretary Spencer asked if anyone other than Delegate Wilcox had made the charges before the Commissioners. W. W. Harris replied that his recollection was that Wilcox alone had made the charges, but that they had been reiterated, emphasized, and been made more in detail by the cross examination of Wilcox by Ex-Judge Humphreys.

Mr. Isenberg said he was satisfied with Mr. McCandless motion if it were added an expression of confidence in Dr. Sloggett. This Mr. McCandless said he was willing should be added, and the matter would probably have

PICNIC NEXT SATURDAY.

At a meeting held this morning at H. Hackfeld & Company's, of residents of German birth or parentage, a picnic at Pearl City in honor of S. M. S. Cormoran was arranged for. The picnic will be held next Saturday and all Germans by birth or parentage residing in Honolulu are invited to attend. The picnic is to the entire ship's company. The committee appointed to make the detailed arrangements for the picnic are George Rodiek, F. W. Klebahn, H. C. Pfuger, Captain Dabel and Emil A. Berndt.

SMUGGLING JEWELS INTO HONOLULU

DIAMONDS AND PEARLS BROUGHT FROM COLONIES WITHOUT PAYING TRIBUTE TO UNCLE SAM.

The police have reason to believe that extensive diamond and pearl smuggling is being done in these islands. The precious stones are being brought into this port by way of the Sydney steamships. So far as is known now there is but one person engaged in the work. It is possible however that he may have others assisting him.

"There has been extensive smuggling of diamonds and pearls into this port for some time past," said a well known police officer today. "The game has been highly successful and from what I can learn, the man who is at work is making a handsome profit from the job. The principal thing smuggled is diamonds but quite a number of pearls have been brought in. The reason for the diamonds being smuggled in greater quantity than the pearls, is because there is a greater demand for diamonds than for pearls. There is a duty of 60 per cent charged by the American customs so if a man can succeed in smuggling the stones past the inspectors he can make a handsome profit by underselling the legitimate dealer. The jewels are brought, cut and polished ready for the retail trade. They are not set however."

"So far as I can learn there is only one man engaged in the scheme. He has already made a couple of trips to Hilo. I am informed. The plan pursued in getting rid of the diamonds is to dispose of them to the trade for holiday goods. The stuff has not been disposed of solely to Hilo people but is all over the islands."

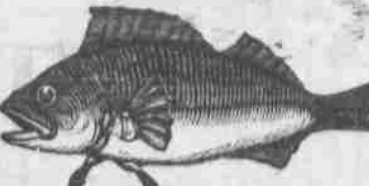
"The Customs officials have suspected that there was some sort of smuggling going on in which this particular man was concerned, but they are off on the exact character of his game. They figure that he is at work on some opium smuggling deal but they are entirely wrong. He is working the diamonds and pearls past them and it is a far more profitable business than opium smuggling."

"It is a wonder to me that there has not been more smuggling of precious stones into this port. It is very easy for a person to smuggle almost any quantity of jewels from any steamer that comes into this port. No body is ever searched and as these jewels can be carried in small packages, the evasion could be effected without trouble."

"If the Chamber feels like investigating and refuting these statements made by Mr. Humphreys and Mr. Wilcox, of course it has the right to do so," said Mr. Swamy. "But for my own part I do not think it at all necessary. I think those statements are their own refutation. The charges that bad food is furnished by the merchants and sent by the Board of Health, stand out as falsehoods. I do not think that anyone believes the charges. It is therefore not necessary, though of course the Chamber may deem it wise to appoint a committee to investigate what no one believes."

Mr. Swamy concluded by offering a simple resolution briefly stating the fact that such charges had been made and declaring the confidence of the Chamber of Commerce in the president and members of the Board of Health. This resolution after some discussion was adopted. On motion of W. M. Giffard the secretary was instructed to forward a copy to the Board of Health and to the Senatorial Commission.

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MAGOON AN EXPERT ON GUARDIANSHIP

HE TELLS COURT HOW THINGS ARE CARRIED ON IN SWITZERLAND BUT NOT IN HAWAII.

John K. Sumner again took the stand in Judge De Bolt's court this morning, and Attorney Highton, Davis and Magoon had some lively argument over objections to the procedure of the attorneys who are seeking to have Sumner declared incompetent. The arguments were loud and vigorous on both sides, and the court room began to fill up with people who enjoyed the show. The lawyers fired at one another.

Magoon and Davis sought to introduce a letter written by Sumner from Tahiti, in which he expressed regret that he had executed the lease of his harbor lands to Dillingham and Robinson, and asked to have proceedings begun to set aside the lease. It was claimed that this sudden change of mind was evidence of his incompetence. Highton objected, and declared that the attorneys were pursuing an unfair method of trying to prove incompetence, by going through Sumner's life and picking out incidents here and there, instead of taking his whole general course of action.

Magoon gave a discourse on guardianships. He said that the courts should be very careful about placing people under guardianship, and that it was a strict proposition of law. "I think that a man should only be placed under guardianship when it is shown that it is necessary for his own interests," said Magoon. "It is for his own protection only, and in the most enlightened countries in the world, it is recognized as a proper and legal method of giving such protection where it is needed. In Switzerland the law provides that when a man is left a legacy by his father or other relative, before he can take possession he must prove unambiguously that he is competent to take care of it."

"If this is a proper case for a guardian, a guardian should be called in. If he is in such condition that he needs a guardian, the appointment of a guardian is the greatest good that can be done him. His own benefit is the sole consideration. If I did not think that his condition was such that he ought to be under guardianship, I should be the last man to favor appointing a guardian. There isn't money enough in this country to induce me to proceed in this matter if I didn't think that Mr. Sumner ought to be under guardianship for his own good."

Highton declared that there was no such thing known to the law as the appointment of a guardian for a man, with a view to dividing up his property, contrary to his own wishes. "Practice may develop such caricatures of law," he said, "but the law doesn't know of any such policy." He declared that the letter sought to be introduced was really a showing that Sumner was sane, under the claim of the other counsel that his making the lease showed insanity. "The letter shows that at the time when it was written, at least, Mr. Sumner's view of the lease corresponded with that of the counsel for the petitioners," said the attorney. Highton waxed sarcastic over Magoon's views of the guardianship proposition, remarking that he was delighted to hear such views from him, and that they would be an inspiration to the court.

John K. Sumner, incompetent or not, incompetent, appeared to enjoy the troubles of the lawyers. He sat in the witness box and smiled over his glasses when Davis shouted and Highton pounded his desk, and it appeared that he was getting something for his money whenever he became of the law for which the Oahu Railway Company wants to force \$100,000 upon him.

TAMPOCO ARRIVES.

The S. S. Tampoco was reported this afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. She is from Seattle and Portland and is 14 days out. She has general cargo.

A MUSICAL TREAT.

Franz Wilczek, the great violin virtuoso, who will appear in the Opera House Tuesday evening, October 14th, under the management of W. D. Adams, is said to be the greatest artist in his line that has appeared here in years. He is a legitimate artist and presents his work finished and perfected in every detail. He will be ably assisted by Mrs. G. W. Macfarlane, a soprano soloist, Hugo Herzer, a baritone, and Mrs. Tenney-Peck, pianist. Tickets are selling fast, those wishing choice seats should not delay in securing them.

SUSAN BRASH IS FREE.

Judge Robinson has signed a decree never was legally under guardianship, and ordering J. A. Magoon to turn over all property of hers that he holds, with an accounting, after which he is to be discharged as trustee. The court also directs that Susan Brash be allowed the sum of \$10 per week hereafter for her personal use and benefit. The property is to be turned over within 30 days to such person as the court may direct.

THE PRUDENTIAL.

In speaking of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, the Insurance Bulletin says: "Many holders of large policies are the best evidence that men of wealth and judgment recognize the unlimited security behind a Prudential policy. The Prudential is as safe as a United States Government bond—the highest standard of safety known to the civilized world." Hawaiian Trust Company, agents.

HYGIENIC UNDERWEAR.

L. B. Kerr & Co. have received a special purchase of Men's summer weight, natural wool underwear. All sizes, and only \$1.25 a garment.

Want ads in Star cost but 25 cents.

DR. SLOGGETT WILL NOT QUIT

SAYS THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO RESIGN FROM BOARD OF HEALTH—HEALTH MATTERS.

Dr. Sloggett, President of the Board of Health, says that the announcement made this morning at the Chamber of Commerce that he intended to resign, is an error.

"I have had no intention of resigning," he said this afternoon. At the meeting of the Board of Health this afternoon, the resolution of confidence adopted by the Chamber of Commerce this morning was presented. It is as follows:

Resolved: In view of recent statements made by Delegate Wilcox before the Senatorial Commission, this Chamber desires to express its entire confidence in the President and members of the Board of Health, and it condemns as entirely false the statements made by Delegate Wilcox, as to the inferior character of the merchandise and food supplied to the Leper Settlement by the government.

The following letter from Surgeon General Wyman was read:

Washington, September 22, 1902.
Hon. H. C. Sloggett, President Board of Health, Territory of Hawaii.
Kauai Building, Honolulu, Hawaii.

My Dear Sir:—It gives me great pleasure to receive your letter of September 9th, and to read the handsome tribute to the worth and efficiency of the representative of this service at Honolulu. I thank you for your kind acknowledgment of the services rendered by myself in my official position.

Regarding the return of Dr. Cofer, there is no intention at the present time to relieve him permanently from his post, he having two months leave of absence.

This bureau has always been in sympathy with the efforts of your Board, which have been so intelligent and earnest in the past, and I earnestly hope and believe that, with the experience that come to all of us in meeting grave situations, a measure of efficiency will be reached in the near future, both by the national and territorial authorities which will prove effective in our common and perpetual campaign against contagious and infectious disease.

Respectfully,
(Signed) WALTER WYMAN,
Surgeon-General.

Dr. W. C. Hobbs, assistant Surgeon in Charge of the Marine Hospital Service made the following report of health conditions in the Orient:

Yokohama two weeks to September 27, 1902. Cholera, no official report received since September 13. Newspapers report 1 case.

Nagasaki two weeks to September 22, 1902. Cholera cases 21, deaths 12. Officially reported since appearance of cholera at Nagasaki, 213 cases, 495 suspected cases; 125 deaths; 319 deaths from suspected cholera.

Shanghai two weeks to September 20, 1902. Cholera no cases reported; 72 deaths, 1 death from small-pox. No cholera among Europeans this week. Officially reported since September 24th, 1902. Cholera cases 43, deaths 76.

Hong Kong two weeks to September 16, 1902. Cholera cases 3, deaths 2. Small-pox cases 1, deaths 1. Plague cases 2, deaths 2.

WANTS AN ACCOUNTING.

Mrs. Mary J. Montano has brought another suit against William R. Castle on account of the sale of her Maunaloa valley property, this time demanding an accounting. She alleges that Castle, as her attorney, sold the property to W. C. Achi for \$25,000, and that he accepted as part payment a mortgage for \$6,000. Mrs. Montano says that the mortgage is insufficient and not properly executed, and that she has demanded an accounting from Castle many times, but has not been able to get one.

A suit against Castle was brought by Mrs. Montano some time ago, in which she sought to recover from Castle money alleged to be due her on the transaction, but the court decided in favor of Castle.

The Supreme Court this afternoon took up the case of H. Hackfeld & Co., vs. the Hilo Railway Company, Judge Robinson being called to sit in place of Justice Galbraith, who is disqualified. T. G. Thurn had filed an inventory of the estate of G. E. A. Thurn, deceased, showing his property to be valued at \$4,353.58. In the matter of the estate of R. G. Rabe, an order of partial distribution was made as petitioned for by the executors.

The Leong Yick Company has brought suit against H. C. Fat, on account of a note for \$348.89.

ALICE COOKE TO SAIL.

The schooner Alice Cooke finished discharging lumber today and will begin loading ballast. She will sail for Port Townsend either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Henderson Grinett, of this place, was stricken with partial paralysis and completely lost the use of one arm and side. After being treated by an eminent physician for quite a while without relief, my wife recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and after using two bottles of it he is almost entirely cured.—Geo. R. McDonald, Man. Logan Co., W. Va., U. S. A. Several other very remarkable cures of partial paralysis have been effected by the use of this liniment. It is most widely known however, as a cure for rheumatism, sprains and bruises. Sold by all druggists, Benson Smith & Co., general agents.

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JAPAN WANTS PAYMENT

BANKRUPT SODA WORKS.

Referee W. T. Rawlins this morning made his report in the matter of the bankruptcy of the Star Soda Works, showing debts of about \$5,000. The company did not file any statement of assets and liabilities as required by law and the statement was made by the referee. Judge Estee announced that in future, when involuntary bankrupts failed to file their schedules, he would enforce the law and inflict punishment. The referee was allowed a fee of \$45, and the creditors will get nearly 40 per cent of what is due them from the corporation.

THIS MARRIAGE WAS A FAILURE

ATTORNEY GENERAL SUED BY HIS WIFE FOR MAINTENANCE. DECLARES SHE IS DESTITUTE.

Suit for maintenance has been brought against E. P. Dole by Humphreys, Thompson and Watson, in behalf of Mrs. Eleanor G. Dole, who alleges that her husband has failed to support her, and asks that he be ordered to do so, and to pay counsel fees and alimony of \$200 per month on the final determination of the case. The matter was assigned by first Judge De Bolt to Judge Gear, and a citation was issued this morning for Dole to appear before Gear next Tuesday morning and show cause why the prayer of the wife should not be granted.

Mrs. Dole states that she and the defendant were married in San Francisco in September, 1901, and that she left Honolulu on a visit to her parents shortly after, and while in San Francisco received a letter signed by J. J. Dunne and Holmes and Stanley, as attorneys for E. P. Dole, in which the following is alleged to have been stated: "His (meaning defendant's) relations with you have ceased forever." She returned to Honolulu and sought the defendant but he refused to see her in his apartments at the hotel and informed her that he would no longer live with or provide for her.

Mrs. Dole says that she has no money but is in utterly destitute circumstances and has been compelled to ask assistance of relatives. She alleges that her husband receives \$4,500 per year as attorney general, besides other income, and has property worth \$15,000, and is therefore able to pay \$200 a month alimony and attorneys' fees and costs of the suit.

IN PILIKIA.

One of the public works department's steam rollers has been in pilikia nearly all forenoon on Smith street. This street between King and Pauahi has just received a new coating of crushed rock. The roller was being used to crush it down. While working close to the curbing the front roller and one of the rear wheels dropped down into the crushed rock as they might into a mud hole and with much the same results. It was impossible to get the roller out of the difficulty with its own power until planks had been gotten under the wheels to give it purchase.

TWO MARUS WILL MEET.

The American Maru from the Orient and the Nippon Maru from San Francisco will meet in this port next Monday afternoon. Both vessels are scheduled to arrive Tuesday from their respective quarters, but are certain to be in port the afternoon before. The American Maru left Hongkong two days behind time. This delay was caused by her having to go to Manila on the way out. She will make up this lost time beyond any doubt however. The America will sail from Honolulu for San Francisco some time Tuesday morning, while the Nippon will sail the same day for the Orient. The Nippon Maru will bring three days' later news than that expected by the Alameda on Friday.

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FIRE CLAIMS WILL BE VIGOROUSLY PRESSED

JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ALREADY DIRECTED STEVENS TO COME HERE TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT.

D. W. Stevens, Counsel to the Japanese legation at Washington, is expected in Honolulu by any steamer to secure data regarding the Japanese fire claims for the use of the Japanese Foreign Office and the Japanese legation in pressing for payment by the United States.

This is one of the results attained by C. Shiozawa and T. Ishikawa who were recently sent to Japan on behalf of the Committee of Thirty which has had the matter of the Japanese claims in hand, and of the claimants in general.

"Our mission was this," said Mr. Shiozawa, one of the delegates who returned recently from Japan, "to present clearly to the Japanese government the facts regarding the claims, how they arose, the disastrous effect they have had on the prosperity of the Japanese colony here, the suffering that has been experienced, and the crying need of a speedy payment of the awards. Of course all this had been written time and again in consular reports and more directly in behalf of the claimants. But it was felt the matter was one worth a personal presentation. With this end in view Mr. Ishikawa and myself were sent. We were prepared with all the data showing how the claims had arisen, the bankruptcies and poverty that followed the losses, how many men before in comfortable circumstances were ruined and with debt staring them in the face had become hopeless and run away, sometimes leaving those dependent upon them to the charity of the colony or of the community. We took the certificates of award along with us to show how the government here had considered and treated the matter. We showed that the territory was unable to do anything at this time; that hope was centered in congress, but that if congress failed to act at the next session as it had at the last, hope would be again deferred and the disasters of delay would continue."

We were received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron Komura, though most of our business was transacted with the First Assistant Minister Chida. "The results of this part of our mission are shown in a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Japanese Consul in Honolulu. In this letter it is stated that the Foreign Office through the Japanese Legation at Washington will present the matter to the President and the Secretary of State, and will strongly urge that the matter be called to the earnest consideration of congress. We were assured by the Foreign Office that everything that could be done would be done, and that we may believe that it will be, is shown by the fact that Mr. Stevens has been ordered here to thoroughly inform himself on the subject for the advantage of the Legation at Washington."

"The second part of our mission was to seek to raise a loan in Japan on the security of the certificates of award. We had the approval of the Foreign Office and had interviews with a number of bankers. We were always received courteously, and were it not for the fact that the awards would be paid some time, the delay and uncertainty as to the time of payment, made it impossible for the banks to do anything for us, and this part of our mission was therefore without actual success."

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